How do I update the BIOS of my Area-51 m9750 to Vista v0B08?

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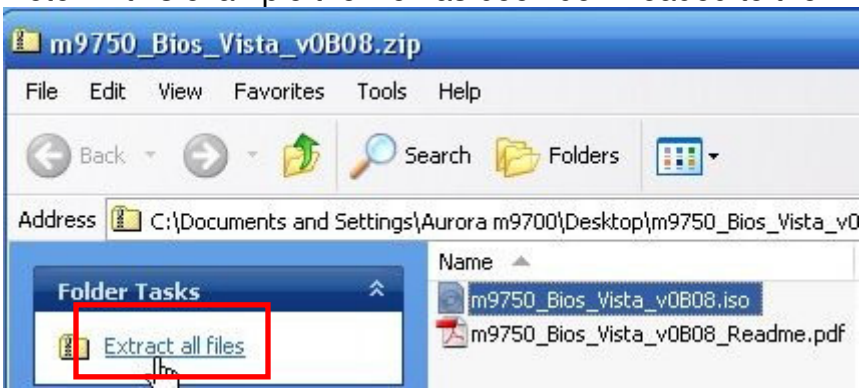
Extracting the image file

- Double click on the file 'm9750_Bios_Vista_v0B08.zip' that you have downloaded to your computer and click on the link 'Extract all files'. You should see the following:

Note: In this example the file has been downloaded to the Windows Desktop.



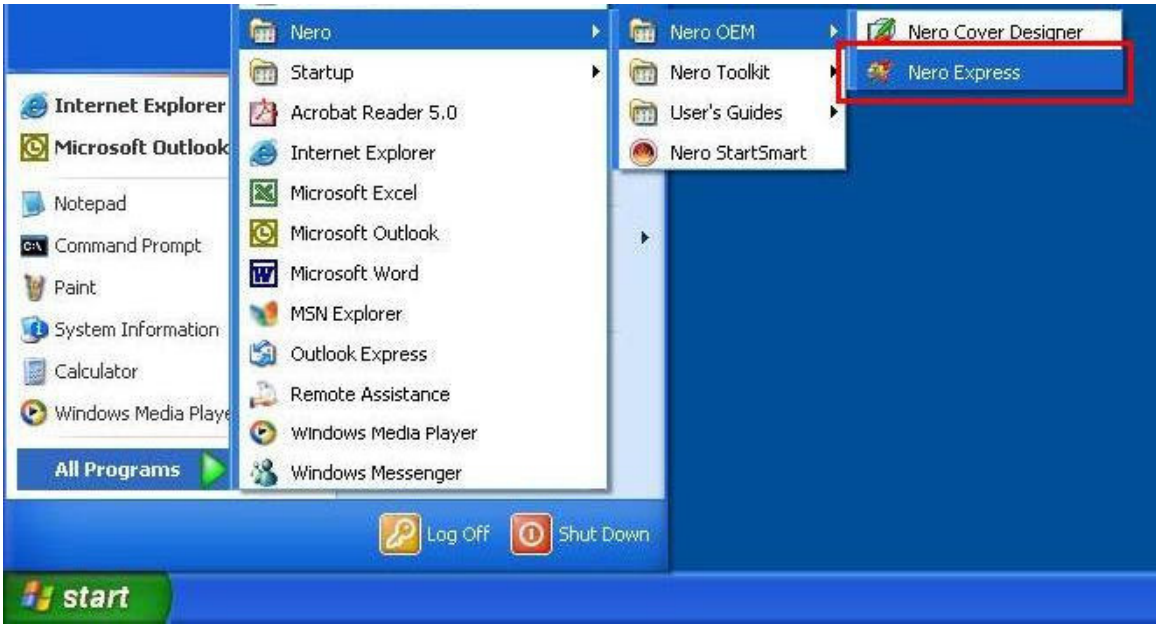
- On the 'Welcome to the Compressed (zipped) Folder Extraction Wizard window, click on the 'NEXT' button to continue.

- On the 'Select a Destination' window, click on the 'NEXT' button to extract the files. You should see the following:

- On the 'Extraction Complete' window, click on the 'Finish' button.

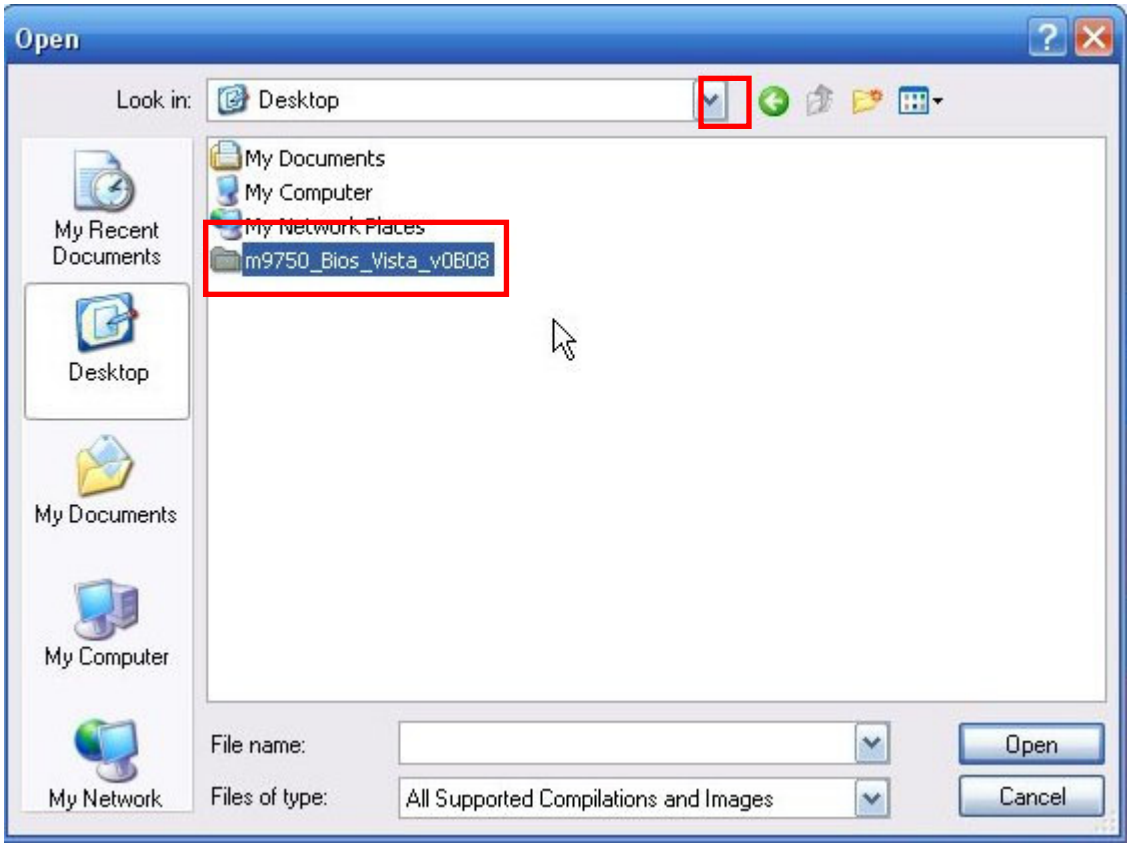
Recording the disc image

- Open the application ‘Nero Express’, by clicking on the ‘Start’ button, and then go to ‘All Programs’, ‘Nero’, ‘Nero OEM’. Finally click on the ‘Nero Express’ icon.

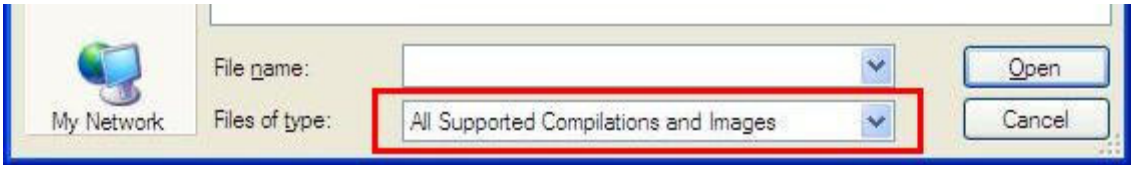


- Once you load Nero Express 6, click on the option ‘Disc Image or Saved Project’.

- On the 'Open' window, click on the 'Look in' drop down button and select the folder "m9750_Bios_Vista_v0B08'' where the image file has been previously extracted. You should see the following:

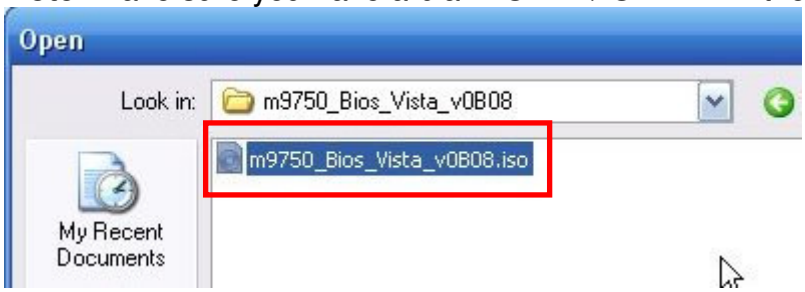


- In the same 'Open' window, make sure that the option 'All Supported Compilations and Images' is selected under the 'Files of type' drop down menu. You should see the following:



- Click on the file 'm9750_Bios_Vista_v0B08.ISO' to select it and then click on the 'OPEN' button. You should see the following:

Note: make sure you have a blank CD-R / CD-RW in the drive.



- On the 'Image recording – Write a premastered image' window, click on the 'NEXT' button to continue.

- Once Nero Express has finished recording the image file onto the CD, you should see the following. Click on 'OK' to finish the burning process.

- On the 'Burning Process – Burn process finished successfully' window, click on the 'NEXT' button to continue.
- Back on the Nero Express main screen, click on the 'Exit' button to terminate the application.

Running the BIOS update

- Before you run the BIOS update.
  - Make sure that your computer has the battery and the ACAdapter connected.
  - Disconnect any third party peripherals connected to the computer.
  - Do NOT turn the computer off during the BIOS update.
  - Do NOT restart the computer during the BIOS update.
  - Do NOT eject the CD-ROM from the drive during the BIOS update.

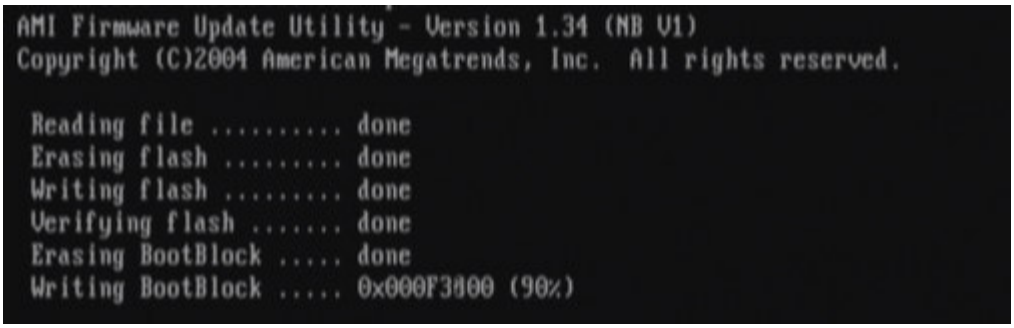
- Boot the computer up with the disc in the CD-ROM drive.

  Note: you may need to change the boot sequence in the computer BIOS in order to boot from the CD-ROM drive. Refer to the Boot Setup section under Chapter 2, Page 7 of the User's Manual for more information.

- Once the computer boots up, read the message on the screen before you continue.

- At the 'A:\>' prompt, type 'runme' and hit the 'ENTER' key.

- The update process will display the following screen when completed.


AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.34 (NB V1)
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Reading file ..... done
Erasing flash ..... done
Writing flash ..... done
Verifying flash ..... done
Erasing BootBlock ..... done
Writing BootBlock 0x000F3000 (90%)

- Remove the disc from the CD-ROM drive and restart the computer, either by pressing the 'Ctrl+Alt+Del' key combination or by turning the computer off and then back on.

- It is recommended to load BIOS defaults after this BIOS update. Enter the BIOS by Pressing the F2 key and load optimal defaults under the "Exit" menu.